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"Hawaii a Beacon Light."

From the Greenfield, Mass., Gazette and Courier.

MY voyage to the Hawaiian Islands last August on the Australia was remarkably pleasant. The air was balmy and delightful, the ocean smooth, and often showing a most gorgeous coloring, appropriately termed "peacock blue." My only regret was that the trip ended too quickly.

On the morning of August 20th, the lovely island of Oahu was sighted, and I wondered not that a few native Hawaiians, who were among our passengers, were enthusiastic over the fact that they would soon be at home in this beautiful city by the sea.

The gray, clear cut ancient craters, Diamond Head and Punchbowl, with mountains, hills and valleys bearing luxuriant vegetation, form an attractive background to the city of Honolulu. The majestic form of Diamond Head reminded me somewhat of "the Old Man of the Mountains," as seen when sailing down the Hudson.

Over the Koolau range and down the valleys come the trade winds with soft and invigorating breezes—ever and anon bearing gentle, misty showers that have been christened "liquid sunshine."

The southerly winds are warm and depressing. People who understand the climate of Honolulu, always seek for rooms or houses that afford free access to the northerly trade winds. The Hawaiians seldom use the words north and south to designate location on their island, but instead, say "mauka" for towards the mountains, and "makai" for towards the ocean.

As we steamed into the harbor a most cordial aloha (welcome) was given by the crowd at the wharf, and a hearty response was returned by passengers and crew, for we, who were strangers, were made to feel that we had met a genial, hospitable people.

Soon after landing I located myself at Haalea Lawn. It is said that the first legislature held in these islands was convened in this house about the year 1840. In 1865 it was used as a hospital for sick and disabled seamen. These seamen were from the four whalers, one of which was a Hawaiian vessel burned at Bonabe, Caroline Islands, by Capt. Waddell of the Confederate cruiser, Shenandoah.

As soon as possible after getting settled in my temporary home, I began to search among my wardrobe for thin clothing, but found it necessary to patronize the merchant, the Chinese dressmaker and Hawaiian hat peddler before I could be dressed comfortably. White suits are quite the style on these islands, both for women and girls. It was always noticeable how neat the young girls looked at church and elsewhere, dressed in simple white and wearing plain straw hats. The native women, and also many others, have adopted the *boloku*, (a sort of Mother Hubbard) as the most comfortable style, except on dress occasions, and even then I have seen Hawaiian ladies dressed most becomingly in *holokus* of rich silks and laces.

The thermometer seldom reaches 88 degrees in the shade, or falls as low as 55 degrees, yet the climate upon strangers is likely to produce at first a feeling of depression and lassitude. This, no doubt, accounts in part for the go-easy sort of life led by the natives, and more or less adopted by people of all nationalities who become residents of these islands.

Apparently no one seemed to be in a great hurry, unless we except the bicycle riders. It was a pretty sight to see those riders passing rapidly over the smooth, macadamized streets, either for exercise or on their way to and from business. All, regardless of sex, seemed to be skillful in managing the wheel. There is still some horseback riding, but bicycles and carriages are mostly used. A line of tramcars passes

over the principal streets of Honolulu, which is of great value to the community, though there is a good field for improvement in this business, especially in furnishing more and better conditioned horses and mules for the work. An English company holds a long lease on this privilege, and does not seem to feel obliged to extend mercy to its dumb animals, or do more than is necessary to accommodate the general public.

The telephone is an important factor in social and business life in Honolulu and other parts of the island. It is constantly in demand in giving orders, sending messages and conversing with one's next-door neighbor. Electric lights are in general use in Honolulu, Hilo and other places on the islands.

The Hawaiians are noted for their love of music, and it is to be hoped that, whether or not these people lose their nationality, they may never be deprived of this delightful entertainment. Business reports for 1896 show that nearly 800 musical instruments were imported to the islands for that year, 369 being guitars. There are good pipe organs in several of the principal churches in Honolulu.

Much can be said of the healthful and invigorating pleasures of sea bathing at Waikiki, a suburb of Honolulu, bordering on the ocean, about four miles from the city post-office. The water there is always warm, the ocean bottom sandy with but few rocks, and bathers can go out quite a distance if they are at all used to the water. Several bath houses are located here, where suitable dressing rooms, bathing suits, etc., are provided.

Many attractive residences, coconut groves, banana plantations and other tropical growths combine with the fascinating murmurs of the sea to make Waikiki a lovely spot, and I was not surprised to learn that in early days it was a favorite abode of the kings of Oahu and later of the Kamehameha family. The princess Kaiulani (Miss Cleghorn) has a delightful home in this vicinity, where are two large banyans, several royal palms and an endless variety of other tropical trees and shrubbery. I accepted an invitation to call on this young lady, and found her affable and easy in her manners, and interesting and sensible as a conversationalist.

During my stay on the islands I was a guest at several *luaus*, which were quite novel and entertaining. Great preparations are often made for these native feasts, and it is considered a mark of hospitality and good will to strangers to invite them to be present. In order to prepare the food a shallow hole is dug in the ground, and in it are placed large, flat stones, whereon is built a fire which is kept burning until the stones are very hot. The coals and ashes are then removed, and a pig, stuffed and prepared for cooking, also ducks and chickens and fish, dressed and wrapped in *ti* leaves, sweet potatoes, and any other vegetables desired are placed on the stones, all of which are covered with *ti* leaves and a thick cloth. Water is then poured in to form steam and the hole filled with earth, which remains undisturbed until everything is cooked. It is an old saying that "the proof of the pudding is in the eating," and I can testify that meats and vegetables thus prepared have a most excellent flavor.

Formerly mats were spread upon a low platform decorated with ferns and flowers, and the food set thereon, the guests sitting upon mats placed on the ground. Now tables and chairs are often used, but the time-honored custom of eating with one's fingers is still in vogue, and dishes of raw fish also form a part of the feast. One indispensable article at a *luau* is a calabash of *poi* for each guest. It is made from the roots of the taro, which is one of the staple vegetables of the Hawaiian Islands, growing somewhat like turnips, only the ground must be very

wet, and it takes twelve or fourteen months to mature the crop. Taro is cooked, scraped and pounded, and then mixed with a little water until it is of the consistency of thick paste, and then allowed to stand until it is slightly fermented, when it is called *poi*, and is considered easy of digestion and very nourishing. Formerly *poi* was prepared by hand, but now it is mostly made in factories.

These islands are blessed in having an abundance of pure, soft water, coming either from mountain streams or flowing from artesian wells. It is a Godsend to both man and beast in a climate where perspiration comes so freely.

Tourists, upon arriving in Honolulu, soon learn that the proper thing to do is to arrange trips to Tantalus, the Punchbowl, and the Pali. Each of these drives has its attractions. Tantalus is a mountain peak 2000 feet high, about five miles northeast of the city. A good carriage road winds nearly to the summit, among groves of forest trees, guava thickets and ferns of many kinds and of immense proportions. One writer estimates the number of varieties to be about 150. The kukui or candle-nut trees, with their silvery foliage, add a peculiar diversity to the coloring of the mountain sides. The view from the top is considered by many as the finest to be obtained from any point on the island of Oahu. On a clear day, the city, the ocean, Pearl Harbor, the sugar and rice plantations and some of the other islands may be distinctly seen. It was my good fortune to enjoy this beautiful panorama. On our return trip we drove around on the top of Punchbowl. From the summit, about 500 feet above the harbor, we had a good view, extending from Pearl Lochs to Diamond Head, which presents a bold front, 700 feet above the water's edge.

The Pali, or precipice, at the head of Nuuanu avenue, six miles from Honolulu, is 1200 feet above the sea. Since the new road is finished it is quite easy of access. The Pali has not only scenic grandeur, but holds a prominent place in historical reminiscences, it being the site to which Kamehameha the First, in 1795, drove the last island chief and his followers, who held out against him, and where the final desperate struggle ensued, which ended by the conqueror and his warriors driving hundreds of their opponents over this awful precipice. I almost shuddered as I looked over to the spot where the bones of those unfortunates lay for many a year, bleaching in the sun.

From the summit of this pass on either side one looks upon perpendicular cliffs, and to the northward is seen a beautiful rolling country, extending some four or five miles to the sea coast, dotted here and there with settlements and sugar and rice plantations. Sudden showers often occur on these mountains when it is clear in Honolulu, which condition of the atmosphere produces gorgeous rainbows, that are only equalled by the rich colorings of the sky at sunset and its reflection on the land.

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